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TO: Commission

DATE: September 15, 2010

FR: Executive Director

RE: Contract – Express Lanes Technical Assistance – Parsons Brinckerhoff

The Administration Committee voted on September 8, 2010 to refer to the Commission for its approval a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff in the maximum amount of \$1,000,000 to deliver the technical assistance for the development of the Regional Express Lanes Network.

At the July Legislation Committee meeting, MTC staff outlined a strategy to pursue authority to implement the Regional Express Lane Network pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 149.7, under which the California Transportation Commission (CTC) may approve, until December 31, 2011, two express lane facilities in Northern California. This path requires MTC to develop a project study report (PSR) for approval by Caltrans and an application to the CTC for authorization of the Network. These activities will require consultant technical assistance. Following a competitive solicitation process, an evaluation panel recommended Parsons Brinckerhoff to carry out the work.

The contract, if approved, will be funded by bridge toll revenue allocated to MTC under AB 1171 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 30913 and 31010 (b)) for transportation projects specified in the statutes or “designed to reduce vehicular traffic congestion and improve bridge operations on any [State-owned] bridge.” Although the Regional Express Lanes Network is not specified by statute, staff has determined that the project is eligible for AB 1171 funds because the integrated toll structure on the express lanes feeding into the State-owned bridges will improve operation of the bridges, as opposed to the potential “balkanization” of tolls set by various independent express lane authorities, which could have a significant adverse impact on bridge operations. In addition, certain Section 30913(b) funds are dedicated to transit. Although not a transit project, the Regional Express Lanes Network will benefit transit in that it will create a connecting, expanded network of express lanes available for use by transit operators.

Steve Heminger

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REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Consultant Contract

Work Item No.:	1236
Consultant:	Parsons Brinckerhoff (San Francisco, CA)
Work Project Title:	Express Lanes Network Technical Assistance
Purpose of Project:	Provide technical and project management assistance for the development of the Regional Express Lanes Network.
Brief Scope of Work:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Assistance: develop a project study report (PSR) and application as required by state law for CTC authorization of the Network.• Project Management: task order-based assistance in areas such as preparing applications for state or federal funding opportunities, developing concepts of operations, assisting with express lanes project needs.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$1,000,000
Funding Source:	AB 1171, approved by Commission in July: Resolution No. 3914
Fiscal Impact:	Funds are included in the FY 2010-11 agency budget
Action by Committee:	That the Committee refers to the Commission for its approval a recommendation authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff to deliver the technical assistance for the Express Lanes Network and the Chief Financial Officer to set aside funds up to \$1,000,000 for such contract.
Commission Approval:	<hr/> Scott Haggerty, Chair
Approved:	Date: September 22, 2010